

SENATE BILL 1629

By Bowling

AN ACT to amend Chapter 553 of the Acts of 1903; as amended by Chapter 405 of the Acts of 1907; Chapter 241 of the Private Acts of 1974; and Chapter 8 of the Private Acts of 1983; and any other acts amendatory thereto, relative to the City of Tullahoma.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Section 4 of Chapter 553 of the Private Acts of 1903, as amended by Chapter 405 of the Private Acts of 1907, Chapter 241 of the Private Acts of 1974, Chapter 8 of the Private Acts of 1984, Chapter 103 of the Private Acts of 2008, and any other acts amendatory thereto, is amended by deleting the following:

Any election for Mayor and Aldermen required in Section 5 shall be held on the first Thursday in August. The newly elected Mayor and Aldermen shall be sworn into office and organize on the second Monday in August following their election.

and substituting instead the following:

Any election for Mayor and Aldermen required in Section 5 shall be held on the Tuesday after the first Monday in August. The newly elected Mayor and Aldermen shall be sworn into office and organize on the first Monday after the election results are certified.

SECTION 2. Section 5 of Chapter 553 of the Private Acts of 1903, as amended by Chapter 405 of the Private Acts of 1907, Chapter 8 of the Private Acts of 1983, Chapter 242 of the Private Acts of 1974, and any other acts amendatory thereto, is amended by deleting the section and substituting instead the following:

Sec. 5. Terms of office, vacancies. The terms of the Mayor and two aldermen elected on the first Thursday in August 2020 shall be extended from the first Thursday in August 2023 until the Tuesday after the first Monday in August 2024, or until their successors are elected and qualified. This will result in an increase of approximately

twelve months in the terms of the mayor and aldermen elected in August 2020.

Thereafter, elections will be held for these seats for a four year term beginning with the elections held in August 2024.

The terms of the two aldermen elected on the first Thursday in August 2018 shall be extended from the first Thursday in August 2021 until the Tuesday after the first Monday in August 2022, or until their successors are elected and qualified. This will result in an increase of approximately twelve months in the terms of the aldermen elected in August 2018.

The terms of office of the two aldermen elected in August 2019 shall not be effected nor extended.

The three candidates who receive the highest number of votes in the August 2022 election shall each be elected for a four year term and thereafter, elections will be held for these seats every four years beginning with the elections held in August 2026. The candidate receiving the fourth highest number of votes in the August 2022 election shall be elected for a two year term, until the Tuesday after the first Monday in August 2024, or until their successors are elected and qualified. Thereafter, elections will be held for this seat every four years beginning with the elections held in August 2024.

In the event of the vacancy by reason of the death, resignation, or removal of the Mayor or any one (1) or more of the Aldermen, the Board shall have the power to fill the vacancy or vacancies by majority vote of said Board of Mayor and Aldermen, said vacancies to be filled until the expiration of the term of office so vacated. Any appointment(s) required in this section shall be made by majority vote of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen within one month of any vacancy. The Mayor and any Aldermen elected under the provisions of this section shall be so elected until their successor is elected and qualified; except as otherwise provided in the Charter of the City of Tullahoma.

SECTION 3. This act shall have no effect unless it is approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the legislative body of the City of Tullahoma. Its approval or nonapproval shall be proclaimed by the presiding officer of the legislative body and certified to the secretary of state.

SECTION 4. For the purpose of approving or rejecting the provisions of this act, it shall be effective upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, it shall become effective as provided in Section 3.